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I. General Information. Plafar comes under the Ministry of Public Health. As the department for the exploitation of medicinal plants it is the only enterprise of this kind in Rumania. Not only administratively but also scientifically Plafar is dependent on the Ministry of Public Health.

II. Location and Organization.

A. Location and staff. The head office of Plafar is located at Bucharest, Strada Doctor Burghilea No. 3. Its permanent employees number 289. In addition, temporary labor is hired as harvest and cultivation require.

B. Organization.

1. Head Office. The Head Office directs the activities of the three technical services (see below). It consists of:

- a. Coordinating director
- b. Assistant manager
- c. Technical adviser
- d. Political adviser

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2. Technical services

a. The Harvesting Service. Its permanent personnel consists of 12 inspectors. Their job is to take care of wild growing crops. They travel across the country concluding agreements for harvesting with farmers in whose vicinity the required medicinal plants grow. They are also responsible for transporting and storing harvested crops in depots. In addition to these 12 permanent inspectors, a number of temporary ones are hired to help out at harvest time.

b. Cultivation Service. As wild growing plants are not sufficient for the medicinal plants industry, additional areas are artificially cultivated. The Cultivation Service, which consists of 18 agricultural engineers and four typists, is responsible for this job. The State places the necessary terrain and equipment at their disposal. In 1951 about 42,000 acres were cultivated in such a way.

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3. Preparation Service The main product of Plafar are "Medicinal Teas." This section which consists of eight permanent chemists is responsible for the preparation of those teas, which are prepared according to recipes received from the main office. In addition, this section distributes the finished products to the Plafar shops (see below).

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1. Transit depots. These are to be found all over the country where there is natural or artificial cultivation of these plants.
2. Interior Depots. These depots are located at Bucharest, Strada Vulturii at Militari and Pantelimon in the vicinity of Bucharest and in Piatra Neamt. From these depots the C.I.F. - Pharmaceutical Industries Head Office (Center for the production of medicaments in Rumania) and the shops of Plafar are supplied. 50X1-HUM
3. Frontier Depots. These depots are located at Oradea Mare. Only goods for export (see below) are sent to these depots. 50X1-HUM
4. Shops of Plafar. These shops sell the medicinal teas to 6000-8000 fixed customers.

III. Output and Exports

- A. Output. Yearly production is limited to the needs of the respective year. Every year Plafar concludes trade agreements with the following two institutions:

1. C.I.F. (see above) for local use.
2. Romano Export, Medicinal Plant Section, for exports.

After concluding the agreements, plans are drawn up according to which the cultivation of the current year is carried out. Russia seems to be interested in this development. A Russian expert was added to the staff of the head office in early 1951.

- B. Exports. In Europe, Rumania is the largest exporter of medicinal plants. Moreover, it disposes of the biggest variety (123 different medicinal plants). In 1951 an export of 3,000 tons at the price of two million dollars was foreseen.

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